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**Reasons for Allowance** 

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a combined dissector and cannula assembly having a dissector assembly with a housing, rigid tube and dissector obturator and a cannula assembly with a housing cannula obturator and access cannula, the cannula obturator being removable from the access cannula and the dissector tube being received in the access cannula wherein the cannula housing has a recess and the dissector housing has a movable member movable into the r3ecess to secure the dissector housing to the cannula housing.

Jervis, s device has a dissector assembly with a housing a rigid tube and a dissector obturator (in actuality the dissector obturator is the rigid tube). Also disclosed is a cannula assembly having a housing and an access cannula. However a removable obturator (306), while disclosed in one embodiment, would not be present in the embodiment of fig. 95 added to the cannula assembly 302 of fig. 40 because the dissector is already rigid due to rigid obturator tube 951. Therefore no embodiment of Jervis has each of the claimed elements (dissector housing, rigid tube, dissector obturator and cannula housing, cannula obturator and access cannula.

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